

thou support est our lives₅ send
us
nutriment and food, drive far off tiie *Rdkshams*.
20. ²Ae\i₃ the all-beholding, who Is in the form
of the PAYA^AXA, the benefactor of the five
orders,
the preeeder at sacrifices: him we solicit,
who is
hymned by the groat.
21. ³Aexij who art the doer of good, pour upon
v^ga xi.
us brightness and fair offspring ; may he make
me
wealth and plenty.
22. The purified (*Soma*) hastens past the
adver-
saries towards the fair praise of the
worshippers,
visible to all like the sun.
23. Kepeatedly purified by the priests,
I^BC,
abounding with food, placed for food, the
beholder
of all continually goes (to the gods).⁴
24. The purified (*Soma*) generated the
veracious
all-pervading bright-shining light, destroying
the
black darkness.
25. ⁵The gladsome swift-moving streams of
the

¹ Slma Teda? II. 6. 3. 10. 3; IL 7. 1. 12. 1.

- *Hid.* II. 7. i. 12. 2. The five orders are either
'V the four
castes and ihe outcasts; £2) tiie *Gandharras*, *Pitris*,
gccU. ^t-Lwrss,
and *Rdl:\$Jta*as* : or (3^ the gods, mankind, *G-*
andhzrraz and
JLpttirasGS, serpents, and *Pliris*.

³ Surra Teda. II. 7. 1. 12. 3.

⁴ This is Sayana's explanation cf *atijah* [*dwdn santzfam*
gania]

⁵ Verses 25-27 occur Sama Yeda, II. o.2. 11. *I*_s

for *janghnato* and *ryasnuhi*